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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please insert the following claims for the claims previously on file:



- 20. (Currently Amended) A battery terminal connecting cable comprising:
- a) a strand comprising a plurality of fine wires, and having a further section formed when said plurality of fine wires are pressed together and, wherein said plurality of fine wires are welded together in said further section; [and]
- b) an insulator disposed over a central region of said strand adjacent to said further section;
- <u>c</u> [b] a flat contact piece coupled to only one side of said further section, wherein said further section is disposed at an end of said strand wherein said further section is formed on said end of said strand by pressing [a] <u>said</u> plurality of fine wires together; and said further section is welded to said contact piece.

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- (Previously Added) The battery terminal cable as in 23. claim 20, wherein said further section is made from copper.
- (Previously added) The battery terminal cable as in 24. claim 20, wherein said further section extends longitudinally at an angle to a longitudinal axis of the cable.

28. (New) A battery terminal connecting cable consisting of:



a) a stranded cable comprising a plurality of fine wires, and having a further section formed when said plurality of fine wires are pressed together and, wherein said plurality of fine wires are welded together in said further section;

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- b) an insulator disposed over a central region of said strand adjacent to said further section;
- c) an additional insulator disposed over said further section;
- d) a flat contact piece coupled to only one side of said further section, wherein said further section is disposed at an end of said strand wherein said further section is formed on said end of said strand by pressing said plurality of fine wires together; and said further section is welded to said contact piece.
 - 29. (New) A battery pole connection comprising:
 - a) a stranded cable formed from a plurality of fine wires;
 and
 - b) a contact piece for an attachment of said stranded cable to the battery pole connection wherein said contact piece is a flat plate having a screw hole, wherein said plurality of fine wires are welded in to said contact piece.